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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 22, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to a February 22, 2005 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The February 22, 2005 Office Action provides a period of three months for filing a response. Therefore, a response is due May 22, 2005. However, because May 22, 2005 falls on a Sunday, a response filed the next business day, i.e., Monday, May 23, 2005, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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